

TORTURE ALTHOUGH WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT SIGNIFICANT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO DISCIPLINE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXCESSES.

-- NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

NEWSOM SAID THAT PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS IS IMPORTANT IF WE ARE TO RECOMMEND CHANGES TO CONGRESS IN CURRENT RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION. HE SAID A BEST BEGINNING WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE A SATISFACTORY ACCEPTANCE OF ARGENTINA'S INVITATION TO IAHRC.

4. ALLARA STRESSED THAT IAHRC INVITATION WAS AN ARGENTINE INITIATIVE BUT OTHERWISE OFFERED NOTHING NEW. HE STATED, "WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT WHAT ARGENTINA IS READY TO DO. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT USG IS READY TO DO. WHAT ACTION IS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILLING TO TAKE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS?" ALLARA MENTIONED EXIMBANK CASES INVOLVING BOEING AND ALLIS CHALMERS, COMMENTING THAT ARGENTINA CAN FINANCE ITS NEEDS BUT THAT EXIMBANK POLICY HAS "PROFOUND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE."

5. NEWSOM EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH AN ISSUE THAT IS STRICTLY IN HANDS OF STATE DEPARTMENT OR WHITE HOUSE, REFERRING TO CONGRESSIONAL STRICTURES AND NEED TO BE ATTENTIVE TO CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS OR RISK EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE LAWS.

NEWSOM MENTIONED THAT EXIM LEGISLATION IS BEFORE CONGRESS NOW AND THAT SENATE HAS PASSED VERSION REQUIRING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OFFERING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. NEWSOM INFORMED ALLARA THAT, AS WE TOLD VIDELA AFTER NEWSOM VISIT, IF GOA ANNOUNCES ITS

INVITATION TO IAHRC, AND AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS, WE WILL ACT FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR MILITARY TRAINING. WE ASSUME, NEWSOM OBSERVED, THAT VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE UNDER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS SO THE IAHRC MIGHT CARRY OUT ITS MISSION. IF FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TAKE PLACE, NEWSOM ADDED, WE WOULD RESPOND WITH APPROPRIATE APPROVALS. IF THERE WERE A DETERIORATION, THIS WOULD MAKE OUR WORK MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

6. DURING SECOND MEETING HELD AT OAS UNDER SECRETARY AGAIN

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STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND IAHRC. HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO DRAMATIC PROGRESS IN RELEASE OF DETAINEES OR IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON DISAPPEARED PERSONS, THIS SEEMED TO BE ONLY ELEMENT WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY NEW LOOK AT BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC CASES NOW PENDING.

7. ARGENTINE SIDE POINTED OUT CONDITIONAL NATURE OF THEIR INVITATION TO IAHRC BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT INVITATION WOULD BE ACCEPTED. (FYI: WE HAD EXPECTED WORD TODAY BUT THERE IS AS YET NO FINAL DECISION WE ARE AWARE OF. END FYI)

8. ARGENTINES ALSO PRESSED HARD ON WHY US COULD NOT GO FORWARD WITH EX IM FINANCING. NEWSOM EXPLAINED THAT

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CURRENT EX IM LEGISLATION CONTAINS REQUIREMENT THAT WE
CONSIDER HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS AND THAT ANY CREDIT IN
EXCESS OF \$60 MILLION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR
FORMAL REVIEW. IT IS JUDGMENT OF US THAT ANY SUCH
NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS IN ABSENCE OF DEMONSTRATED PRO-
GRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS COULD SET BACK EFFORTS AT MORE
NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA.

9. FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH NEWSOM ARGENTINES DECIDED
THEY NEEDED NO FURTHER APPOINTMENTS. VANCE

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